IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

FRIDAY, THE 31ST AUGUST 2007 / 9TH BHADRA 1929

WP(C).No. 26275 of 2007(C)

PETITIONER:

M.SUBAIR, S/O. IBRAHIM, AGED 28,
MACHERI HOUSE, KODAKKAD P.O., CHETTIPPADI,
MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.HARISH R. MENON
SRI.K.T.SHYAMKUMAR

RESPONDENTS:
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1. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
MALAPPURAM.

2. THE TAHSILDAR,
TIRURANGADI, TIRURANGADI TALUK,
MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

3. THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
PARAPPANANGADI POLICE STATION, PARAPPANANGADI,
MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.M.R.SABU

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 31/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.
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W.P.(C) NO. 26275 OF 2007
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Dated this the 31st day of August, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The complaint of the petitioner is that his vehicle has been seized with the allegation that it was used for unauthorised transportation of river sand. It is stated that the proceedings are now pending with the 2nd respondent since 12/8/07 and that final orders has not been passed despite the statutory mandate that orders should be passed within seven days. In the aforesaid circumstances, this writ petition is filed for direction to release of the vehicle pending finalisation of the proceedings.

2. After having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader, I am not inclined to direct release of the vehicle at this stage. However, I direct the 1st respondent to pass final order in terms of Rule 27, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate

within ten days of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

3. Petitioner shall produce a copy of this judgment before the 1st respondent for compliance.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

ANTONY DOMINIC, JUDGE.

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